



COMMUNITY EVENT

# Full hearts replenish Empty Bowls



Eastern students  
contribute handmade  
bowls for charity

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More than 850 beautiful handcrafted bowls and the warm delicious aroma of homemade soup greeted guest for the 13th annual “Empty Bowls” Proj-

ect on Friday, March 26. The community-wide event, held for the fourth year at First Baptist Church on the Eastern Bypass, was put on to help combat hunger in Madison County.

Joe Molinaro, professor of art and spearhead of the Empty Bowls project in Madison County said about 600 bowls had been sold by the end of the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch session. For a \$12 donation, each participant got to choose from a wide variety of handmade pottery

bowls that were filled with fresh, homemade soup prepared and donated by local churches, accompanied by bread, and a drink. Molinaro said Eastern students contributed 600 bowls, Bybee Pottery gave 100 and local potters contributed the remainder.

The “Empty Bowls” Project is a nationwide event that originally began in Bloomfield, Mich., in 1990. The project was introduced to the city of Richmond

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MULTICULTURAL CENTER

## Eastern hires new director for center

Miranda steps down to  
start domestic violence  
program on campus

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In just a couple of weeks, students walking around Powell Lobby might catch a glimpse of a new face among the staff members who work there. George Gallien will be moving into the Multicultural Office on April 19.



George Gallien

With plans to meet with different student organizations, visit classrooms and talk to freshman, Gallien said he’s making big plans to get his foot in the door and start making connections.

“I’m going to hit the ground running and I’m really excited to get there,” he said.

The Director of Multicultural Student Affairs position opened up in January after former director Marta Miranda decided to resign, said Mike Reagle, associate vice president of Student Affairs, who headed up the candidate search.

“[Marta] had applied for a grant that deals with domestic violence and got the grant, so at that point she decided she was going to move back to being full time faculty and full time running of the grant,” Reagle said. “Marta has been great in helping make sure programs didn’t fall through this semester during the transition and we greatly appreciate that.”

Miranda won’t stop being a familiar, friendly face on campus, though. Reagle said she will be helping implement the new program called “Escapes” while serving as the director of Women and Gender Studies as well as teaching courses.

Before deciding on Gallien, Reagle and James Conneely, associate provost and vice president of Student Affairs, put together a

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FIRST AMENDMENT

## Free speech celebration kicks off on Monday

Events include lecturers,  
“Speaker’s Platform” and  
return of “No Free Lunch”

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Ever have the urge to just get up and rant about whatever’s on your mind before a large crowd? During next week’s campus celebration of the First Amendment, that opportunity will be ripe for the taking for anyone who wants to let loose.

The celebration, which will run Monday through Thursday, will feature an assortment of events that showcase the First Amendment—everything from guest speakers and art presentations to controversial films and an open-mic “Speaker’s Platform.”

“Come realize and be aware of what that right means,” said Liz Hansen, a journalism professor and member of the First Amendment Week Committee. “The ability to publish, write, film, broadcast. Say any message you want. Ability to speak. Ability to ask your government to change. That is a right.”

Next week’s celebration kicks off Monday with keynote speaker Terry Anderson, a former Associated Press reporter who was taken hostage for seven years by Shiite militants in Lebanon. Anderson, who is now a visiting lec-

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CAMPUS EVENT

“Our names will not go down in history, but in our hearts we know we are doing the right thing.”  
– Freedom Is My Home, Charlotte Battin as Margaret Ella Scott

## One-woman play wraps up Women’s History Month

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“This meeting never happened,” Charlotte Battin said to the audience in the opening lines of her one-woman play, “Freedom Is My Home.”

The play, brought to Eastern on Monday by the Office of Student Life for Women’s History Month, recounts the beginnings of the Underground Railroad, told from the point of view of Margaret Ella Scott, a fictional Quaker woman and abolitionist in 1853.

Throughout the play, Scott addresses the audience, acting as though they are all participants in a meeting called together for those interested in hiding runaway slaves and helping them reach freedom in Canada.

Just in case anyone unexpectedly drops in on their meeting, Scott suggests to the audience that they say they’re all there for “a meeting of the Canning and Pickling Society”—a line that drew a burst of laugh-



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Charlotte Battin played Margaret Ella Scott, a fictional Quaker abolitionist in 1853.

ter from the crowd in O’Donnell Auditorium.

Scott then got down to the task at hand, going into detail about the lives of slaves, asking the crowd how they would feel if they were barred from going to school or

if they themselves were a mere commodity, put up for auction and bought by the highest bidder.

“Our names will not go down in history,” Scott said. “But in our hearts, we know

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Police Beat

All information in the Police Beat is taken from Eastern police reports.

March 24

■ A male student reported that someone had broken into his truck and stolen a Sony stereo, a Cobra radar detector and a Garmin Nub GPS. The student said he parked and locked his truck in the Lancaster lot and when he returned the next day, he observed damage to the driver's door lock. The total stolen value was \$650 and the damage was estimated at \$150.

■ Police responded to the Student Services Building after an employee observed two females in a physical altercation. The subjects were separated when police arrived, but upon further investigation, police found that the subjects met to discuss rumors that they had been spreading about each other. After the fight, one of the students requested an ambulance because she said she was pregnant, but later refused treatment. Police did not observe any physical injuries.

■ An employee reported that someone had stolen a poncho from her office. She said her office was locked when she arrived Monday and she had left her office unlocked a couple of times Friday, but did not notice it missing then. The poncho is made of purple, gold, magenta, and blue hand-woven silk. The value of the stolen item was \$500.

March 26

■ Police responded to the Keene Hall parking lot after a female employee reported criminal mischief to her vehicle. She said someone had pushed in her driver side mirror and cracked it. She also said this is the third time her vehicle has been damaged. The total damage was estimated at \$100.

March 29

■ Kelsey Huser was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. After a report of a possible injury accident at 1119 Lancaster Ave., police observed a truck in the front yard with damage to its right front wheel well area. Huser and another student said Huser had been driving, and the

officer detected the odor of alcohol about his person. Huser failed several sobriety tests and was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Inspections

All information in Inspections is obtained from the Madison County Health Department.

Week of March 19

Regular inspections with no follow-up due:

- The Olive Garden, 2168 Lantern Ridge Rd., 87%
- Stratton Cafeteria, Kit Carson Drive, 94%
- Long John Silvers, 630 Eastern Bypass, 98%
- Subway, 110 E. Main St., 99%
- Starbucks, Weaver Building—EKU, 100%

Regular inspections with follow-up due:

- Applebee's, 853 Eastern Bypass, 79%
- \*Salad dressing found at an unsafe temperature
- \*Sticky label residue remained on some utensils

Follow-up inspections with follow-up due:

- Pattie A. Clay Hospital, Eastern Bypass, 95%
- \*Automatic dish wash machine not reaching effective sanitization temperature

News Briefs

EKU Dance Theatre tickets available

Tickets for the EKU Dance Theatre's Spring Concert can be purchased now. The cost for students is \$5 and the cost for non-students is \$10. The performances will start at 8 p.m. nightly April 7 – 10, and there will be a 2 p.m. performance on April 10. To reserve a ticket, call the Alumni House at 622-6618 or 622-1264 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Corbin campus sponsors E-waste drive

The City of Corbin and Eastern's Corbin campus will be sponsoring an electronic recycling drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 23-24 at

the Corbin Recycle Center. Accepted items at no charge include: computers, radios, stereos, microwaves, power supplies, vacuums, telephones, printers, cameras, etc. Old televisions will have a \$7.50 charge. Unaccepted items include: refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, light bulbs, etc. Contact Randy Napier at 606-280-7441 to find out more about the drive.

Office of Student Life to host blood drive

The Office of Student Life and the Kentucky Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6 in the Kenna-Room Room (Powell 128). The drive will be a part of the Clean Sweep Car Wash Donor Round Up and each donor will be eligible to win one of the daily prize packages that include gift cards, memberships and getaways. Donors must be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and meet additional requirements. For more information, call 1-800-775-2522 or visit www.kybloodcenter.org.

EKU Theatre tickets on sale next week

The tickets for EKU Theatre's spring play "Fool for Love" by Sam Shepard will go on sale Tuesday, April 5. The cost for students and senior citizens is \$5 and the cost for adults is \$6. The performances will be at 8 p.m. nightly from Wednesday, April 14 through Saturday, April 17 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 in the Gifford Theatre. The play contains language that some may find offensive and is recommended for mature audiences. To purchase tickets, visit the Gifford Theatre Box Office or call 622-1315 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Happenings

FRIDAY

12 p.m. Women's tennis at Austin Peay, Clarksville, Tenn.

1 p.m. Softball vs. Tennessee State Baseball at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

1:25 p.m. Music: Student Recital, Foster 100

3 p.m. Men's tennis at Austin Peay, Clarksville, Tenn.

SATURDAY

10 a.m. Women's tennis at Tennessee-Martin, Martin, Tenn.

1 p.m. Softball vs. Tennessee State Baseball at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Men's tennis at SIU Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Ill.

SUNDAY

6 p.m. Music: Michels/Burns Joint Recital, Brock Auditorium

MONDAY

2 p.m. Softball vs. Dayton

TUESDAY

2 p.m. Softball vs. Miami (Ohio)

5 p.m. – 6 p.m. "Success on Exams: Dealing with Test Anxiety," SSB 568

7 p.m. Baseball at East Tennessee State, Johnson City, Tenn.

8 p.m. Music: EKU Percussion Concert, Brock Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

3 p.m. Baseball at East Tennessee State, Johnson City, Tenn.

8 p.m. EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert, O'Donnell Auditorium, SSB

THURSDAY

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Justice and Safety Fair, Perkins Building

6 p.m. Music: Tyler Myers Senior Recital, location TBA

8 p.m. EKU Dance Theatre Spring Concert, O'Donnell Auditorium, SSB



Weather

THURSDAY

Sunny High: 78 Low: 51 Precip: 0%

FRIDAY

Mostly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 56 Precip: 10%

SATURDAY

Cloudy High: 76 Low: 52 Precip: 10%

SUNDAY

Isolated T-Storms High: 66 Low: 51 Precip: 30%

MONDAY

Mostly Sunny High: 73 Low: 55 Precip: 10%

TUESDAY

Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 53 Precip: 20%

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 47 Precip: 20%

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1. Eco-Feminism, Prof. Barbara Szubinska, EKU faculty, English
2. Vedic-Hinduism, Mr. Raya Nitai, member of ISKON (Hare Krishna)
3. Paganism, Ms. Stephanie Bingham
4. Christianity, Prof. Mike Austin, EKU faculty, Philosophy and Religion
5. Islam, Prof. Suleiman Darrat, University of Kentucky, Islamic Studies
6. Native American, Mr. Jeff Hatmaker (Cherokee)
7. Moderator, Dr. Abraham Velez, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion

When: Thursday, April 6, 2010  
Where: Adams Auditorium, Wallace Building  
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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# PERSPECTIVES

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Steve Thomas, editor

## Angry ‘preachers’ share nothing of worth

Yes, it’s that time of year again. The sun is shining, songbirds are chirping and Eastern is teeming with cheery students welcoming spring as best they can.

That is, of course, until the crazy evangelists descend upon the Plaza to provide us all with the ultimate proverbial buzz-kill—we’re all going to Hell!

Everybody knows the story: It’s a regular day, and you’re walking to class in the Wallace building or to Powell for a nice chicken sandwich when suddenly you see a crowd and hear shouting. Lo and behold, unto you appears a fire-and-brimstone “preacher” condemning you, your peers, your lifestyle and your society to an eternity of flames.

Uh-oh.

This was the scene repeated Monday as it is each semester, sometimes more than once. More frightening than this most recent message was that this time around, our friendly neighborhood biblical literalist had a child by his side: complete with sandwich boards and parroted his misguided message.

Indoctrination of children aside (a topic for a future editorial, perhaps), these ... touching events provide us with a perfect opportunity to reflect on some important life lessons.

First and foremost, we need to be careful which battles we choose to fight. As illustrated wonderfully by *Progress* columnist Stephanie Smith on the page opposite this editorial, battles with these evangelists are nothing more than traps. Consider them instances of unstoppable forces meeting immovable objects: the closed-minded battling the closed-minded.

They get even trickier in that each side takes pride in refusing to waver or bend, let alone break. After just a few seconds, it becomes pretty evident that each side is entrenched in their beliefs and proud of it—not exactly a formula for enlightenment or changing minds.

More importantly, however, is the fact that we need to be careful which messag-

es we bother to listen to in the first place.

And why we listen to them.

The painful truth is that while these evangelist bozos spout their hate, anger, fear and nonsense to a ring of a 100 actively-engaged students or more, conference rooms and auditoriums lure fewer (and less interested) students with activists, politicians, scientists and religious scholars who come to Eastern to share messages of actual worth.

While a bit sad, it shouldn’t come as too much of a surprise. And it’s not immune to analysis.

Stephanie Meyer’s *Twilight* series certainly outsells Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* because, while essentially devoid of literary or philosophical value, *Twilight* is much more entertaining.

The same is true of the man in the Plaza: It’s far more entertaining to listen to a passionate (albeit crazy) man blurt out gibberish about the inferiority of women or the blasphemous nature of gay people finding happiness than to ruminate over whether or not there’s a glass ceiling for women in America, for example.

Critical thinking is hard, so lots of us don’t like to do it voluntarily or without a little encouragement (i.e. a grade). For society’s sake, however, it would behoove us to use our time at our chosen institute of higher learning to challenge our existing ideas and beliefs, to listen to those around us with life experience and to move beyond ridiculous bickering with spiteful, closed-minded fools.

Not to toot Eastern’s horn, but there’s more to the university’s Quality Enhancement Program than buzz words; critical thinking is a valuable thing, even if it’s not always “fun.”

All that being said, entertainment alone doesn’t draw the crowd – it’s the

simplicity of it all. When it comes to these “preachers,” most of us can say with reasonable confidence who is right and who is wrong when the gloves come off; most all of us have the satisfaction of knowing that we’re the former.

That’s a powerful feeling, and one that we embrace. It’s why we paint the Civil War as having been exclusively about slavery, why history buffs enjoy studying World War II and why millions of people love *Star Wars*—we like the simplicity.

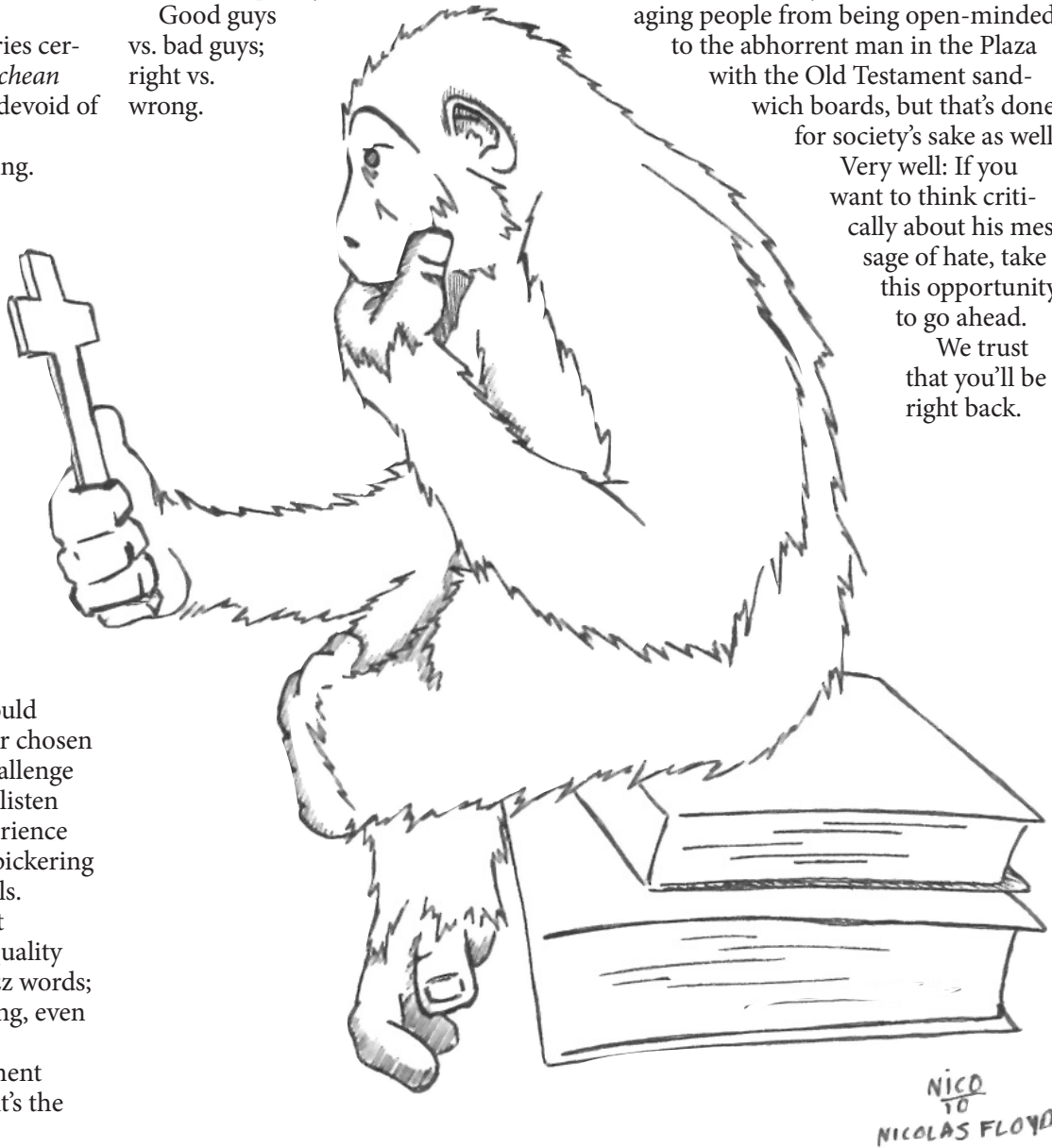
Good guys vs. bad guys; right vs. wrong.

It’s never that simple when we’re talking about dissecting the false perceptions about the Muslim community and fostering understanding, to take a topic from a recent Chautauqua lecture. That doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be more willing to listen to one message than the other—to engage in intelligent discourse, challenge ourselves and open our minds to some important ideas.

For the record, we’re not talking about the ideas of the antagonizing evangelists. Yes, there’s irony in that we’re discouraging people from being open-minded to the abhorrent man in the Plaza with the Old Testament sandwich boards, but that’s done for society’s sake as well.

Very well: If you want to think critically about his message of hate, take this opportunity to go ahead.

We trust that you’ll be right back.



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☒ I feel like I know a lot; I've done my research: 33%

☐ I know what's relevant to me: 43%

☒ I don't know much: 14%

☐ I don't know anything, and I don't care: 10%

*The Eastern Progress online poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those online readers who choose to participate.*

### › Campus comments:

*What’s the smelliest place on campus and what does it smell like?*



“The dumpsters by McGregor and it smells like garbage. You have to hold your breath when you walk by there.”

**Kimi Langen**

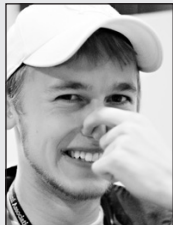
*A sophomore nursing major from Cincinnati.*



“Palmer Hall. It smells like a mixture of food, chemicals and throw-up.”

**Amber Patterson**

*An undeclared sophomore from Harrogate, Tenn.*



“The 8th floor of Commonwealth. It smells like garbage, B.O. and rotten fruit in the shower.”

**Kody Thompson**

*A freshman aviation major from Grant County.*



“The third floor of McGregor. It smells like dudes.”

**Matt Jenne**

*A sophomore horticulture major from Louisville.*



“The dumpsters right next to McGregor. It smells like vomit that never goes away.”

**Brock Hall**

*A junior aviation major from Franklin.*



“The 16th floor of Commonwealth. Something is wrong with the pipes, and it literally smells like dead animals are in the air ducts.”

**Trey Edwards**

*A freshman biology pre-med major from Stanford.*

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# Non-traditional nerves much ado about nothing



My Turn  
Anita Poling

OK, so I'm a freshman. My major is public relations. No big deal, right? But the adventure I'm on is one I wouldn't even have dreamed of just two short years ago.

It is a big deal to me.

I'm 40 (some) years old. I'm a wife of 23 years, and I'm a mom to four young adults. I'm GrammaNita to one adorable, red-headed 2-year-old boy.

I'm a registered pharmacy technician, and along with an interest in many other crafts, I make and sell hand-stamped greeting cards.

I am *many* things. But the

real question is, "Why am I here?"

Like many non-traditional students, I considered college to increase my earning opportunities. I had a good job, one that I loved except for an element that eventually ruined all aspects.

I gave a lengthy notice, and scheduled to take the ACT for Eastern. This simple act would allow me to bow out more gracefully when asked why I was quitting my job: "I'm thinking about going to college," I could say without lying.

I really didn't think I would, but who knew? To my surprise, I did well and was offered a scholarship.

Maybe my reservations and nervousness were due to age. Or maybe young people just grab new adventures by both horns and don't think 'what if' all night long.

Last May, recently admitted to Eastern, I fell asleep wondering what college would be like. Suddenly I'm standing outside an unfamiliar building. It's the third week of classes—a Monday morning—and it's raining madly. And I'm lost; I can't find my MWF class. After three weeks? I'm nervous and way too embarrassed to ask for help. I fear that my young classmates will suggest I "Go home and knit, Granny."

This nightmare haunted me for nearly a month.

Then Orientation Day came, June 25, 2009. It's looking like this is going to happen. I'm really going to college.

My internal systems were not their regular selves, and questioning the strength of my Secret, I ran out of numerous orientation sessions. During one long session, I dashed out three times. Would any-

one notice my mad dash for the door the second and third time? Was I sweating from illness, or embarrassment? Fortunately, there was a ladies' room close by.

tiz at orientation...maybe. I only knew I was a mess.

I wanted to go home.

After what seemed an interminable length of time and thrilled to be in a frigid room preparing my first semester's schedule, I knew I could knock this out and head home.

Upstairs to schedule and I'm out of here: finished, printed, fellow freshman son gathered up, and I'm finally headed home.

I let my son drive home so I could check my schedule more closely. To my horror, my MWF classes met in different rooms and in different buildings. Both of them.

My summer nightmare was going to become reality.

Ensuring the nature of 'flashbulb memory', orientation day was cemented in my memory by being the day that Farrah Fawcett and Michael

Jackson died. Was the nightmare, the schedule and the dark cloud over orientation that day a foreboding of my college career? Was going to school a big mistake?

Well, now it's nearly the end of my second semester, and I still have a lot of questions.

Some fears, like "Will 'normal' college students accept me?" have all been put to rest. In fact, my young peers have been supportive and very encouraging. My professors are also very supportive.

I still don't know if I'll be able to compete with my perky, youthful peers beyond graduation, but I do think it was a good choice and college is a great fit for me.

And maybe it's because of my age (or perhaps because I'm a girl), but I can definitely tell you where all the best rest-rooms on campus are.

## > Online comments of the week: In response to 'Student senators push for cans'

**Lew**  
posted 3/25/10 @ 6:20 AM EST

I commend students for their desire to eliminate plastic bottles which are not only bad for the environment, but the toxins in the bottles can leach into the beverage.

In addition, students might consider changing to another beverage company. Coca-Cola and its bottlers have been involved in human rights and environmental abuses worldwide, including murder of unionists in Colombia and most recently, Guatemala, benefiting from child labor in El Salvador, over use of water sources in drought-prone areas in India, union busting in Turkey and elsewhere, abuse of workers in China and selling unhealthy products that include phosphoric acid, high fructose corn syrup and/or aspartame.

**Truth**  
posted 3/28/10 @ 9:07 AM EST

This is so damn stupid! I want my plastic bottle! I don't want to spill a can on me, or in my car, or wherever else just because of some nit wits who pretend to play government!

**Justice**  
posted 3/28/10 @ 9:56 PM EST

Your wants and needs are more important than anything else, so that's an excellent point.

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# Crazy 'preachers' get just what they want: attention



My Turn  
Stephanie Smith

It happens about once a semester. Some Fred Phelps (of godhatesfags.com fame) impersonator makes his way to our Campus Beautiful to antagonize bleeding-heart college students by informing us that, for one reason or another, we're all going straight to the fiery pits of Hell.

Of course, being the educated, argumentative bunch that we are, we simply cannot stand for that.

Before you know it, 20 or 30 pitchforks short of an angry mob surround this "preacher." He's shouting and condemning us to Hell. We're shouting and telling him he's a hypocrite. Some threaten him from outside his protective ring. Two men make out ostentatiously in the background. And a select few actually try intelligently debating with the guy.

The thing is, he really doesn't care.

He doesn't care that you do the specific things he has listed on his holier-than-thou sign he's hoisting in the air. He doesn't care that you're yelling at him.

He doesn't care about the arguments you're making.

In his mind, he is a martyr. He is thinking to himself, "Man, God is really going to be

pleased with me today—here I am, standing up for what I believe in and being flamed and threatened for it all in the name of the Lord."

If you give him any attention at all, you're only giving him more of a reason to keep on doing what he's doing. You're just another notch in his martyr bedpost.

**"If you give him any attention at all, you're only giving him more of a reason to keep on doing what he's doing."**

The same counter-arguments are made over and over in response to ridiculous protest after ridiculous protest.

"God said don't judge!"

"God said love thy neighbor!"

"F\*\*K YOU, BIGOT!"

And while all of these things may very well be true (especially the bigot comment), the truth is that he's heard all of this a thousand times before. He has no interest in being enlightened or hearing your opinion. This man gets off on selectively using the Bible to justify his own personal prejudices.

So you might be thinking, "Well, what do I do? Just sit by

and let him go around preaching hate and dragging my beliefs through the muck?"

Well ... yeah.

Think about it: You may not want to tolerate this kind of bigotry on your campus. You may cringe whenever you hear he's around. And you may have to fight down the urge to put him in his place.

But that's only falling into his trap.

He's here to pick a fight. He wants to make you angry, not save your heathen soul.

He's a bully of sorts. And how do you get a bully to stop? You ignore him.

Do you think he'd come around again if no one paid attention? If everyone walked by him, maybe quietly laughing to themselves that someone is actually capable of being that idiotic, but not giving him the time of day?

Nope.

As for the whole "we're-all-going-to-hell" issue, no matter what you may or may not believe in, no one can be sure what's going to happen to us after we die. At the very heart of what this guy is trying (and failing horribly) to teach is love, charity, and acceptance.

We all can exert some degree of control over what we do while we're alive.

We can choose to be someone who cares about other people.

Or we can choose to be someone who condemns them to Hell.

Hmmm...decisions, decisions.

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# Raising spirits and awareness



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Students look at T-shirts written on by survivors of domestic violence as part of a national event called “The Clothesline Project,” coupled with Eastern’s annual Take Back the Night rally.

# EKU grad returns to deliver lecture

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World peace. It’s not an answer to a question from the Miss America or Miss USA competition, but it’s something 2004 Eastern graduate and program director of the Society for Muslim Advancement Rashda Majeed is striving for.

Increased understanding of other cultures is an idea on the agenda she’s been pushing since her time at Eastern, and the time she spent as an undergraduate in Kentucky is something she considers an “eye-opening” part of her journey.

Majeed, a native of India, arrived at the Danville campus in 2000 and said she believes “Eastern chose her.” After spending some time in Danville with her sister, Majeed traveled to the Richmond campus for many of her classes, where she quickly became involved as the president of the International Student Association, embraced learning as an Honors student, and earned the first diversity scholarship.

She soon rose to the top of her class, graduating summa cum laude and earning the Presidential Leadership award as she completed her computer science degree.

Majeed said she thinks her time at Eastern played a major role in shaping her outlook today. She was taught there were “no tasks beyond accomplishment” and strengthened her interactions with faculty by embracing the open-door policy, where she said her “aspirations were made practical.”

Getting “caught up in being an “A” student, Majeed said she went straight to work for a computer consulting agency in Richmond, an “OK decision” she made in an attempt to meeting others’ expecta-

tions. “I knew much was expected of me,” Majeed said.

But after spending the previous summer in Kenya, Majeed said she soon found herself growing stagnant at her job and needed a change.

“I was encountering a very human quality of our existence,” she said.

In an attempt to listen to her own interests, Majeed applied to go to graduate school at Harvard, Columbia and Yale, only this time she was pursuing a degree in international affairs. She ended up in Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs and city even more foreign to her than Kentucky.

Kentucky seemed like other countries she said, but she quickly discovered the city had rough edges. She went to New York with no room to call her own and found herself living at five different addresses in two months.

But as she adjusted to the new environment, Majeed said she came to appreciate the “myriad of ideas” that came along with meeting more than 300 students in her graduate program, 60 percent of which hailed from other countries.

It was around this time Majeed started traveling to other countries, such as Syria and Zambia. She worked for several non-governmental organizations during her time as a graduate student, eventually working for the United Nations.

“Here I was forced to think anew where rights and civil liberties can’t be taken for granted,” she said.

Majeed said she felt ready after graduate, dwelling on her experience in conflict resolution and peace-building.

Her work for NGOs led her to assume a leadership position as program director for ASMA and quickly began working

with the Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow program in 2004, whose primary goal was to begin work to improve the image of Islam, attempting to break the negative stereotypes many people associate with Muslims.

“We were all shaped by the 9/11 and the aftermath,” Majeed said. “I am a Muslim, but I’ve never made it a focus of my identity.”

In working with other young Muslim leaders, Majeed said she hopes to provide a “collective voice” to the young generations of Muslims.

In merging her “geopolitical lens” with her faith, Majeed said she has come to realize education and poverty need to enter into the extremism equation.

In seeking the positive, social change, the MLT group has been working to reach new members from more countries through national conferences hosted by AMSA.

The program launched in 2004 in New York and soon after a group of young Muslim leaders from more than 25 countries met together in Copenhagen to discuss ways to bring positive light to the Muslim community. In 2009, the group met in Doha, Qatar, bringing together participants from more than 75 countries.

As she continues her work with ASMA and the MLT group, Majeed said she hopes to promote the concept of learning from one another. She will continue to build bridges, promote a civil society, and push for policy roundtables in an effort to bring better understanding to the Muslim community.

For more information about Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow, visit [www.muslim-leadersoftomorrow.com](http://www.muslim-leadersoftomorrow.com).

# Student Senate recommends cans-only initiative

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Another effort to “go green” on Eastern’s campus was approved Tuesday by the Student Senate. The senators passed a resolution that will recommend to the university the removal of plastic bottles from vending machines. If the recommendation is accepted, all plastic bottles in vending machines will be replaced with aluminum cans.

The resolution is not an official act, though. As previously reported, Eastern’s contract with Coca-Cola will be up after this semester. The

Pouring Rights Committee, which was appointed by Faculty Senate, was created in order to explore new requirements for the next contract, and two student senators were asked to search out student input.

Jason Vaughn, one of the student senators, then created the resolution passed at Tuesday’s meeting. The resolution was tabled last week, but when brought up again, it started much conversation among the legislative body.

Vaughn said a survey had recently been conducted about the project. Of the 274 students that participated, 216 voted in favor of the idea. Vaughn also said the official Facebook group

about the project currently has 326 members, and a smaller, unofficial page has 48 members.

“It’s an easy and really simple way that we can be more efficient,” he said.

Some of the senators expressed concern about the possible cost of the resolution and the small number of students that gave feedback; however, other senators projected that the cost for a canned drink would only be 75 cents.

Zac Caldwell, chairperson of information and technology in Senate, said the resolution would be “a contractual clean up” and recommended that the resolution be passed. And with a 11-7

count (3 senators abstained), it did.

In other business, three acts were also passed at the meeting. The first act asked the Senate to sponsor a forum about the possibility of creating an Alphabet Lounge. The act’s sponsor, Bradley Henson, said the lounge would be a “safe, hate-free” zone for LGBT students. The forum will be from 3:30 to 5 on Thursday, April 8 in the Jagers Room.

The second passed act was a request for sponsorship funding of a professional event that will take place on campus. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Steps to Success Youth Competition will be in the Perkins Building on campus on April 10,

and the requested \$531.25 will pay for the T-shirts given to the event’s participants.

The last act passed at the meeting was a request for a diversity grant made by the Foreign Language Club. The request was for \$189 and will be used to purchase food for the One Day Without Shoes event on April 8.

The senators did not pass another act that would give additional funding to the SGA Corbin Council. The request was for \$400 and would be used for Maroon Day T-shirts at the regional campus. Many of the senators, though, said too much funding had been allotted to the Corbin campus already.



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## College slang has helped spark a new linguistic revolution

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With each generation comes a newer, more hip style of lingo; it's only natural to change the way we speak as we evolve.

How weird would it be for today's college students to run around shouting "Lo and behold! I'm guzzling me some cheap swill tonight!"

No, instead we've upgraded to phrases like:

"Dude! I just pwned that noob in the face!"

"Dude! Word."

And, while the general population

has adapted throughout the years on a general basis, it's clear that college students are the true linguistic generators (perhaps because the topics of alcohol and sex are the spark behind most lingual triumphs).

Most generally, slang is inspired by the culture of a society, and collegiate culture and standards provide a solid basis for linguistic revolution.

The diversity of the college atmosphere is a definite driving force for the foundation of slang, and when a new, awesome word springs from the shadows, it catches on like wildfire.

In addition, slang words have been invented for nearly every aspect of the college world: appearances, relationships, scholastic endeavors and more.

It would be easy to argue that slang is most frequently used to bad-mouth another unsuspecting human being, such as revealed in the following

phrase: "Geez, that girl/boy's fugly!"

But slang also acts as a binding tool for social circles; it creates a sort of common ground for people to interact upon, which is necessary on college campuses.

Thus, the new technological craze has only added to the expansion of slang.

Texting has had perhaps the greatest influence on abbreviated slang, making LOL the most overused expression in texting's global vocabulary bank.

Texting and instant messaging are also responsible for other expressions such as: BRB, LMAO and WTF!

And, as time continues to trudge forward, it can be expected that slang will continue its dominative influence on the college empire, continuing to spawn new meaning to words such as "fricken," "pwned," "gank" and "weak sauce."



## Gear up for Keeneland

Finally, after months of snow, cold temperatures and morning window frost on my car, I can breathe a little easier knowing that Old Man Winter has popped the tennis balls back on his walker and taken his cruel, barren ass to bed.

Seeing how summer is my favorite season and spring is pretty much like summer, I'm excited about it. Springtime offers new and exciting activities that are less acceptable in the winter.

Drinking outside, swimming, and telling children the truth about the Easter Bunny are just a few. But the first thing I look forward to every spring involves small people, fancy clothes and gambling. No it isn't mid-gut wrestling; it's Keeneland. Keeneland is that special place where you can indulge in all your favorite vices with a sense of class. There's tailgating, some of the wealthiest people in Kentucky and betting on animals all rolled up into one afternoon.

The amazing sights, the smell of the grass and the sense of class set Keeneland apart from anything else in the area.

An afternoon there can be amazing, but you should probably keep a few things in mind, beginning with parking. If you're like me, you hate traffic and would rather drink week-old bath water than get stuck in it for any period of time.

If you plan on going to Keeneland with friends, make sure you have a meeting place for departure and that everyone is there on time ready to go.

People typically dress nice for the races, so it's a good idea to pick your clothes out the night before so your not spending all morning getting ready, though you're bound to have that one friend who will hold you up. If this happens on opening day, it's perfectly acceptable to leave them. They should have known better. The first race begins at 1:05 p.m., so if you drive from Richmond and plan to tailgate, you may want to leave at around 11 that morning. While tailgating, you may ex-

## Students share their common slang usage



"Legit...because it can describe so many things."

Stephanie Bradford  
*Sophomore, Parks and Recreation Cincinnati*



"Boo-ya...like if I'm one upping someone I'll say 'Boo-ya.'"

Ryan Kennedy  
*Freshman, Biology Pre-med Grayson, KY*



"Dankenstein...you can use it in a variety of ways; like 'that's so dankenstein' - it's a positive thing."

Matt Zompero  
*Freshman, undeclared Cincinnati*



"Git it...we say it back home. If somebody says something funny we'll say 'git it.' Nobody here understands it."

Sam Suiter  
*Freshman, Wildlife Trenton, KY*

## Local server brightens third shift at Waffle House

Dawn Abrams makes Waffle House the place to be for a late night fourth meal

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Oftentimes Eastern students find themselves in need of some late-night nourishment after Richmond's nightlife has left them with little sobriety and an abundance of hunger.

For many, the Waffle House on the Eastern bypass is a frequent last stop just before calling it a night, and when they get there, there's a pretty good chance that they'll see a familiar face.

Dawn Abrams always greets students when they walk through the doors no matter what she's doing, and she always does so by asking the question, "How are you gentlemen?" or "How are you ladies?"

Abrams' welcoming smile and hospitable personality have made her a permanent fixture on Waffle House's third-shift schedule and in the hearts of college students who frequent the diner during the late hours.

"I always wonder about what happens to the students when they graduate and move away," said Abrams. "I get to know these kids over the four years they're in school, so I wonder about what they do and where they are when they graduate."

Abrams, a West Virginia native moved to Niagara Falls in New York at the age of three with her family. She moved to Kentucky in 1994 after her husband passed away, and she started working at Waffle House that same year.

"I don't see me going anywhere else," Abrams said. "I'm comfortable here and I don't foresee me

leaving."

Abrams estimates that Eastern students make up around 80 percent of the third-shift business and that she makes her best tips from them. She said that student tips account for most of the money that she makes at Waffle House, and that she always has and always will, work the late hours for that reason.

"I make good money when school is in, that's why we're so grateful for our students. Eastern has raised my children with the money I've made off students," Abrams said.

Abrams said she knows many students by name and even remembers the names of students she has served from the time she started. She said even if she doesn't know someone's name, she still remembers



Dawn Abrams

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## Kentucky's elite eight mishap baffles students

UK's loss has forced true blue fans to root for other teams

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The blue and white sweatshirts that were seen virtually everywhere last week have thinned noticeably after the Wildcats failed to advance past the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament this past weekend.

Even though Richmond is largely Colonel territory, it's still Kentucky—and that means many students still hold a flame for their state's flagship team, brandishing Wildcat colors even on Eastern's campus.

And some went to great lengths to root for the Big Blue.

Matt Martin, an Eastern student from Barbourville, said he and a few friends decided less than 48 hours be-

fore the Wildcats were scheduled to take on the West Virginia Mountaineers that they make the 11-hour trek to Syracuse to watch the game in-person. And when he got there, he was shocked by how many other Kentuckians likewise had the same idea.

"It was awesome to see that many fans travel 11-plus hours to support their Wildcats," Martin said.

But the mood dimmed when the blue and white crew, previously 35-2 leading up to the game, suddenly saw their season come to an end after a shaky performance against the Mountaineers, losing 73-66.

Martin said it was a tough pill to swallow.



"It was the worst they have played all year," Martin said. "They shot 55 percent of free throws and would have won by seven or eight if they had made them."

Still, Martin said, the team fought hard and stayed in it until the end.

Other students simply hung their heads when asked about their feelings on the game.

Nick Cottrell, a senior from Frankfort, said he's been a Big Blue fan his entire life—along with his entire family. The Wildcats' loss pretty much devastated him, he acknowledged, adding that he doesn't plan to watch any more of the tournament.

"It was just terrible," Cottrell said. Cottrell said he'd rather just think about UK football from here on out, hoping it'll help ease the pain.

With the Wildcats out of the tournament, some students said they will be struggling to find anyone to root for.

Well, except for Stephanie Murphy from London, who said she just decides whom she wants to root against.

And in this year's tournament, that's an easy call for her: the Duke Blue Devils.

Others, however, like Martin, said they still have some interest in the tournament's outcome.

"My support goes to Michigan State because Tom Izzo is an amazing coach, probably the best in-game coach in all of college basketball," Martin said.

After the Wildcat's loss Saturday, the tournament is down to its Final Four teams: West Virginia, Michigan State, Butler and Duke. The two games, which will be played in Indianapolis, are scheduled for April 3 and April 5.



Practical advice for impractical feats

# How to de-stress your life on the cheap

The Fitness and Wellness Center can help you squeeze in some relaxation

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For some, it's a 10-page research paper. For others, it's an informative speech, and almost everyone has some kind of exam. Finals are right around the corner, and with the exams and end of the semester projects comes stress.

If you are looking for healthy ways to relax on campus between your studies, you may want to take a look at some of the great services that the Fitness and Wellness Center offers, such as yoga and massage therapy.

One thing the Fitness Center offers students to help deal with stress is massage therapy. "Massage therapy is safe and effective when used for stress management," said Eastern's massage therapist Tami Sernulka. Sernulka is licensed in massage therapy by the state of Kentucky and nationally certified by the national Certification Board of Massage Therapy and Bodyworkers, making her more than qualified to deal with stressed students. "A massage releases tension and anxiety and makes you feel better," she said.



Currently, massage therapy rates are \$20 for a 30-minute session and \$30 for a 60-minute session, and may be worth every penny depending on your stress level.

"Massage therapy is great for stress reduction because it allows the muscles, tissues, and nervous system to feel a level of relaxation in a healthy manner," Sernulka said. "The most popular type of massage therapy that students ask for is the 60-minute relaxation massage therapy."

You may want to consider making an appointment in advance because the busiest part of the semester to get a massage

is the week of mid-terms through finals, Sernulka added.

To make an appointment, e-mail Tami Sernulka at tami.sernulka@eku.edu.

Another service the Fitness Center offers is yoga group fitness. Take a yoga class and relax your mind by focusing on your breathing while stretching. Let the dim lights and the music carry your thoughts away as you close your eyes and slowly stretch.

Yoga is a nice way to clear your mind, rejuvenate your body and let go of any stress you may have experienced throughout the day.

To sign-up for a yoga class, make an account at www.eku.timetrade.com and register for a class.

How are students around campus choosing to relax? "I enjoy playing Pokemon," said freshman Andrew Harmon from Alexandria. "It feels so great."

Darrell Mann, a 42-year-old social working major from Russellville, said he listens to music to unwind because it helps calm and relax him.

Trung Ngo, a music marketing major from Vietnam, shares the same sentiments and said that pop music helps him unwind.

Thus, there are many healthy ways to de-stress and relax amid growing stresses from finals and projects on campus. If you look in the right places, you can find the right solution for yourself.

# 3-D films are making a comeback, coming soon to theaters

2009's *Avatar* paved the way for future 3D film-makers

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Each day new technology is being made to make movies more enjoyable, not just in movie theaters, but in people's homes as well.

In the mid-1900s, experimental 3-D movies began packing theaters with crowds of people wearing glasses with a blue lens and a red lens. This created a 3-D experience for the audience, but didn't catch on. The retro 3-D glasses, on the other hand, were here to stay.

Landon Leedy, a criminal justice major, has his own pair of 3-D glasses that he wears all the time. "When I put the glasses on it makes the world look a little more interesting," Leedy said.

Modern glasses have a much sleeker look to them. The old ones were normally made out of cardboard and cheap, if not free to get. Nowadays the glasses look just like a normal pair of shades and can cost up to \$3 to use during a movie.

As years have passed, the idea of 3-D films hasn't changed much, with directors usually failing. Famous horror movie writer Alfred Hitchcock even tried to put it in with his famous works, but didn't turn a profit.

Soon, though, IMAX theaters stepped into the picture and in-



troduced a whole new way of watching movies with a 3-D experience. Aside from documentaries and the occasional popular movie that came out to the IMAX theaters, they were not as popular as traditional theater experiences.

In recent months and years, however, 3-D technology has exploded onto screens. Children's movies such as *Spy Kids 3-D* and the recent *How To Train Your Dragon 3-D* movies have caught the attention of not only kids, but also adults.

As popularity rises, so do the prices. Action junkie James Cameron took on a whole new slice of 3-D pie by creating *Avatar*, which was practically designed to be watched in 3-D. The movie had billions of dollars built into its budget specifically so that it would "pop out" at the audiences. The movie was also released in a non-3-D format, but reversed the trend and was actually more popular in 3-D.

Many children movies have been released lately that people of all ages have gone to see. Popular ones such as *UP*, *Wall-E* and *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* make audiences feel as if they're in the movie while filling the theater with laughter as well.

Even horror filmmakers want to get their hands on this 3-D experience and have come out with movies like *My Bloody Valentine* to limited success.

Success in theaters is leading to other developments: Samsung and Phillips have both come out with a television that plays entertainment in 3-D. It hasn't been out long enough though to tell if this new creation is a big hit or not.

Since the release of *Avatar* and the billions of dollars in profit it has received, additional companies are trying to use 3-D to gain audience's attention.

Classic movies like *Piranha*, *Tron*, and *Toy Story 3* are in the works of being made into 3-D movies. Popular clay-mation director Tim Burton released his classic *Nightmare Before Christmas* in a 3-D format, twisting the storyline for his audience.

Other movies coming out soon in 3D include *Clash of the Titans*, *Shrek Forever After*, *Cats and Dogs*, *Beauty and the Beast* (Original), and even *Night of the Living Dead*, all of which are sequels of previous movies already out on DVD.

One thing is for sure: 3-D films are making a comeback and taking the world by storm.

Makes you wonder if soon almost everything you read and watch will be in 3-D.

## Hot Tub Time Machine is raunchy comedy

Comedy not recommended for the ultra-sensitive sense of humor

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Know this: *Hot Tub Time Machine* is rated R for a reason. There is a lot of dirty, raunchy comedy to be found here, and if that offends you, I would suggest you definitely skip this one.

However, as long as you can handle a little nudity, *Hot Tub* is a solid and oftentimes hilarious film that I would recommend seeing. The best thing about *Hot Tub* is that you already know everything you need to know from the title. Four guys, Adam, Lou, Nick, and Jacob, go on a skiing trip to cheer up their depressed friend, Lou.

They get into a hot tub together and are transported back in time to 1986. Upon realizing that they have traveled to the past,



A group of friends time-travels back to 1986 in this comedy.

the guys make an attempt to relive exactly what happened to them on that day so that they don't create a "butterfly effect" and destroy the future.

In the meantime, a hot tub repairman (Chevy Chase) fixes

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LEFT: Jackie Phillips, Beth Ward, Marcy Cecilia Scialdone and Kayla Barrick pose for a photo after the Human Sundae competition during the annual Sorority Olympics on March 23.

BELOW: Students gather at Powell Plaza to listen to an evangelist on Tuesday



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## HOT TUB: 'so far, funniest movie of the year'

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their hot tub so they can return to the present.

The storyline of *Hot Tub*, however, is largely unimportant, serving simply as context for the jokes to be told in, which is where the film mostly shines. Though some of the jokes fall flat, including Chase's entire character, the majority of the laughs here work well.

The first scene involving a "butterfly effect", where Nick and Lou lose a bet involving a famous football game, is a great example of the simple, yet effective style of comedy used throughout the film.

The stand-out comedian in this film is Craig Robinson (Darryl Philbin in "The Office"), who plays Nick. Almost every scene involving Robinson is hilarious.

My favorite scene in the entire film is when Nick is forced to "cheat" on his wife (who is 9 years old at the time) to preserve the future. When he actually has to do it, he can't stop crying.

Another standout in the film is Rob Corddry ("The Daily Show"), who plays the depressed friend Lou in the film. Though most

of his story arc is rushed, and a few of his jokes fell flat, the jokes that did work were hilarious.

In one scene, towards the end of the movie, his character continuously breaks shot glasses as he tries to slide them to a girl at the end of the bar. The scene is capped off by Lou telling a stool to "get out of his way".

The rest of the cast is a mixed bag. John Cusack ("Say Anything") plays Adam, a critically underdeveloped character who has some of the cheesiest lines in the movie. Clark Duke plays Jacob, Adam's nephew. Jacob begins as an interesting and funny character, but he virtually disappears in the second half of the film, reappearing only to let the other characters know they need to leave.

*Hot Tub* has drawn many comparisons to last year's hit *The Hangover*. I would suggest that you skip the comparisons and accept the truth: *Hot Tub* isn't as good as *The Hangover*. However, as long as you can handle the rated-R content you will find here, *Hot Tub Time Machine* is, so far, the funniest movie of the year.

Four out of five stars.

## WAFFLE: 'I love that woman...she's awesome'

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almost everyone and what they order.

Many Eastern students have befriended the blonde-haired, 40-year-old mother of two and have a great deal of respect for her. Tyler Lewis, a 23-year-old marketing major, is one of them.

"Dawn is a saint," Lewis said. "I love that woman. She's waited on me many a weekend and she's awesome."

Abrams said she rarely, if ever, has any problems from students and that they even take up for her when needed.

"All the students from EKU respect us and treat us like people, not just servers," Abrams said. "They're great, and if someone is rude to me an Eastern student will usually intervene or ask me, 'Dawn are you okay?'"

Abrams said her least favorite part about working late is that she is always tired and gets little sleep.

She said she doesn't really think about it that much though because she tries to be positive about everything.

"It takes a lot more effort to be frustrated than it does to smile," Abrams said.

She said her favorite part about serving Eastern students is that she likes to see young people with goals and ambitions every night because it makes her feel like her future could be a little brighter.

"If you all get your stuff together, I might just get my social security," said Abrams.

She said she always takes the ladies orders first and al-



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Dawn Abrams washes dishes behind the counter at Waffle House.

ways uses courtesy titles by asking, "What can I get for the lady? And for the gentlemen?" Her trademark courtesy has made serving come easy to her, which she says was instilled in her at a young age.

"I was raised 'yes ma'am' and 'no ma'am.' My grandmother was always very southern and very proper. She wouldn't sit down to eat until she made sure everyone had what they needed," Abrams said. "And I've tried to instill those values in my children as well."

Abrams has a son in his early 20s and a daughter named Uniquica who goes to Eastern. Dawn admits that she used to get frustrated putting up with some of the more rowdy, drunk college students, but as her own children grew older, she learned to see the humor and insight in it.

She said she never had the opportunity to go out and party or go to college because she

had her first child at 16, so she enjoys seeing the college students fresh from the late-night scene.

"This is stuff I missed out on because I was a mother," she said. "It's fun to see them have fun and for the most part nobody gives me any grief, they're usually happy to see me."

Abrams said she feels loyal to the store because she was trained there and has had the same manager and co-workers since 1994.

"I've been here for a long time," she said. "Long enough to see a lot of co-workers pass away and to even see some children of co-workers grow up and even work here."

At 40, Abrams now has a granddaughter and said she doesn't plan to leave Waffle House anytime soon. She said when all is said and done, you just have to find something that works for you and just keep doing it.

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# Relay teams pave the way for track team success

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The Colonels had a successful weekend at the North Carolina State Raleigh Relays and the Stanford Invitational.

Sophomores Diamond Benjamin, Lutisha Bowen and freshmen Bianca Forbes and Jazzmin Jeter won the 4x200 meter relay.

“The women sprinters had a outstanding performance,” Coach Rick Erdmann said.

The team relay teams Ohio State University, Wake Forest University, Central Michigan University and North Carolina Central University.

The Colonels were barely trailing the Buckeyes when Benjamin grabbed the baton as the anchor runner on the relay. Benjamin overtook the lead to win the race.

“I felt really good afterwards knowing that I ran a 24 second split,” Forbes said.

Forbes was also a member on the sprint medley and in the 400-meter dash. Forbes finished in 38th place out of 98 sprinters. Forbes

beat out runners from Ohio State University, Eastern Carolina University, Georgetown and N. C. State.

Forbes was hoping to run much faster race in the 400 meters. Forbes ran two seconds slower in the race compared to her indoor championship race.

Forbes ran a time of 58.95 seconds this past meet and her time in the championship was 56.01 seconds.

Benjamin had a stellar performance in her individual race. Benjamin beat out 80 other sprinters in the 100-meter dash. Benjamin finished in eighth place with the time of 12.07 seconds.

Bowen also beat out 80 sprinters in the 100-meter hurdles dash. Bowen finished in 10 th place with the time of 14.20 seconds.

Bowen beat out runners from Central Michigan, Ohio State, Virginia, Rutgers and North Carolina.

The sprinters were not the only women who found success at the North Carolina State Ra-

leigh Relays.

Jeter was successful in her long jump performance. She jumped 17 feet nine inches, which put her in 19th place. Jeter out jumped 47 people.

Freshman Shannon Hooper placed 22 in the discus throw with a throw of 125 feet and six inches. There were 60 throwers that competed in the event.

Junior Kat Pagano ran a personal best in the 5,000 meter run. Pagano finished in third place with her new personal best of 17 minutes and 15 seconds.

The Colonels male distance team also found success at the N.C. State relays and at the Stanford Invitational.

Senior Chris Rengifo competed in the 1,500 meter run and finished in eighth place with a time of three minutes and 55 seconds. Rengifo beat runners from Appalachian State University, Boston College, and Eastern Carolina University.

Soufaine Bouchikhi, Co-Male Freshman of

the year, competed against All-Americans, in the 5,000 meter run at the Stanford Invitational. Despite suffering catching an illness earlier in the week and getting sick after the seventh lap in the race, Bouchikhi finished in 16 place.

“After the seventh lap I couldn’t breathe anymore,” Bouchikhi said. “It was harder for me to move my legs. I do know that if I was healthy during the entire race I could’ve kept up with the front two runners.”

His time of 14 minutes and two seconds is the second fastest time in school history.

Bouchikhi was placed in the fastest heat, which consisted of Juan Carlo Romero, who is sponsored by the German Nike team. Also in the heat were runners from the University of Oregon, who came in second place in the 2009 NCAA Outdoor championships.

Bouchikhi said that he believed that by competing against the best runners in the country that it made him stronger runner.

# Colonels split home and home baseball series with Miami

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The Colonels split a two-game, home and home series with the Miami Redhawks last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Eastern won the first game at Turkey Hughes Field, 7-3.

The first inning was an eventful one. The Redhawks scored two runs on two hits, but the Colonels were quick to answer.

Eastern put up four runs in the bottom-half of the inning. Junior first baseman Anthony Ottrando put the Colonels on the board with a sacrifice fly to right field. With two outs, the Colonels hit three consecutive singles to finish the four-run inning.

Sophomore left-hander Greg Terry (2-1) started for the Colonels, and didn’t disappoint. In six innings, Terry gave up only three runs on five hits in the win.

The Eastern bullpen slammed the door with no earned runs. Sophomore right-hander Matt Harris pitched a perfect seventh and eighth innings with three strikeouts in his appearance.

“It was a great win all around,” Jason Stein, the Eastern head coach said. “The pitching was solid, the defense was strong, and we got some good, timely hits against a very good team.”

Eastern traveled the next day to Oxford to wrap up the series with the Redhawks. The results weren’t so impressive.

The Redhawks drilled the Colonels, 11-3.

“The score didn’t reflect how close the game should have been,” Stein said.

Eastern stranded 15 runners and committed four errors in the field.

“To strand that many and field so poorly is really unfair to our pitchers,” Stein said. “Our pitchers need more help than that.”

Freshman right-hander Austin Rexroat got the loss after giving up four runs on six hits in 2.1 innings of work.

The score was tied 2-2 when the Redhawks put up two runs in the fourth inning and tacked on another three runs in the sixth.

Junior third baseman Jayson Langfels led the Colonels offensively, going three-for-five with a triple, two singles and a run scored.

“ We got some good, timely hits against a very good team. ”

Jason Stein  
Head Coach



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Junior outfielder Ryan Faidley rounds the bases during Eastern’s home game against the Miami (Ohio) Redhawks. Faidley finished 1-for-4 with an RBI.

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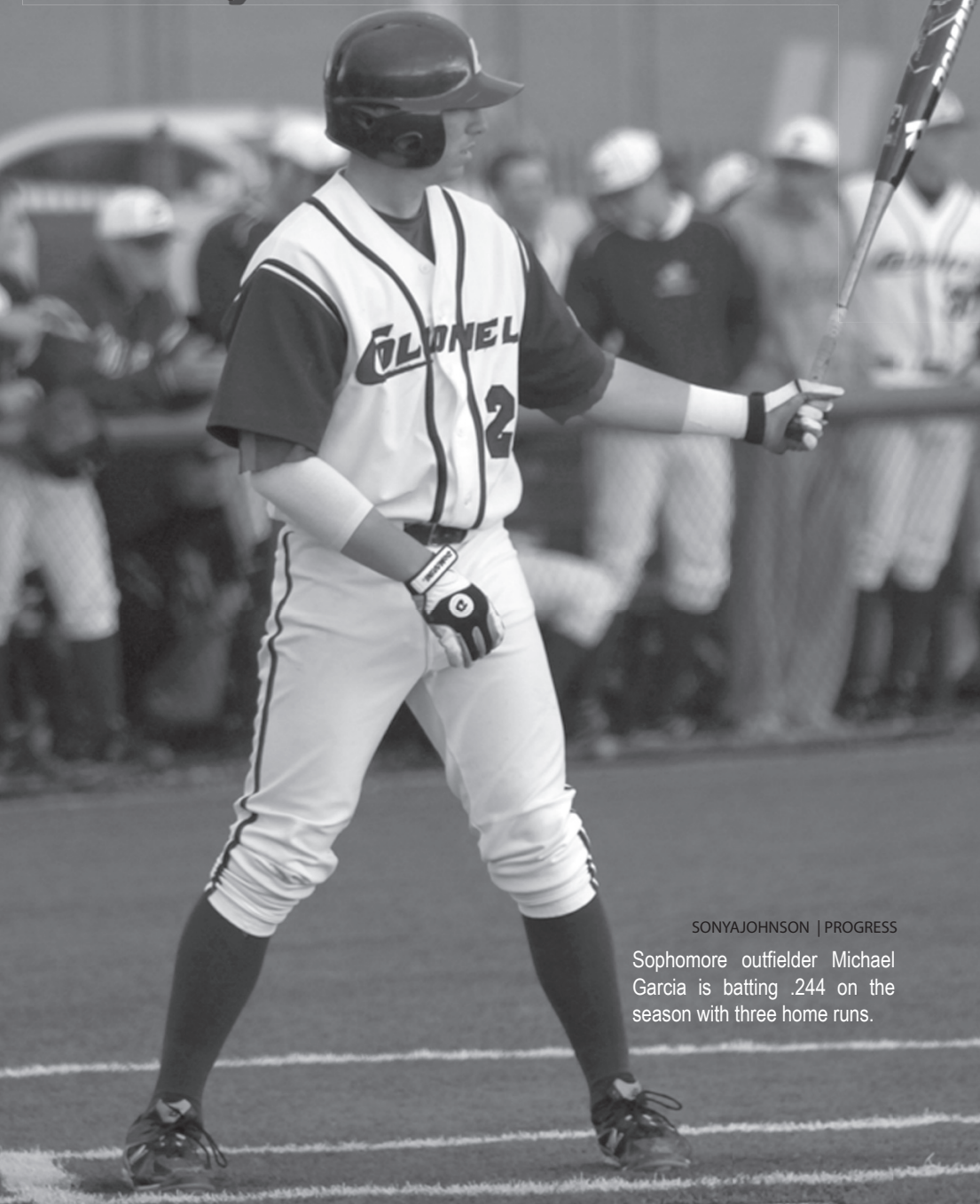
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# Faidley's walk-off homerun caps sweep of Panthers



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Sophomore outfielder Michael Garcia is batting .244 on the season with three home runs.

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The Colonels kicked off conference play by sweeping preseason OVC favorites Eastern Illinois in a three-game set at home last weekend. The wins also bumped the Colonels' record to 11-11.

Saturday's first game of the doubleheader had no margin for error.

The Colonels out dueled the Panthers 1-0 in twelve innings. Junior right-hander Stephen Hefler started for Eastern, going eight innings without giving up a run.

Sophomore right-hander Matt Harris came on in relief and earned the win. Harris went four scoreless innings with giving up only one hit in the outing. Harris was later named OVC Pitcher of the Week.

"We knew they liked to swing early, so we tried to go after them and pitch to contact," Hefler said. "I had confidence in the offense to win the game. My job was to keep us in it."

Eastern threatened to score in the seventh inning when senior catcher Joey Stevens and sophomore shortstop Richie Rodriguez both reached base with no outs, but the Colonels left two runners stranded.

Scoring opportunities continued to fall by the wayside until the bottom of the twelfth inning when junior outfielder Ryan Faidley came up to bat with the bases loaded and two outs.

With a full count, Faidley smacked a fastball into centerfield, driving in the winning run in walk-

off fashion.

"It was the situation you always dream about in the backyard," Faidley said. "I felt confident that I was going to get a hit, and that's a great feeling."

Jason Stein, the Eastern head coach, said he was impressed with the resiliency of his team.

"We succeeded because we focused on execution rather than the result," Stein said. "We took it one pitch at a time."

The Colonels followed up with a second victory on the same day. Eastern took the second game, 6-3.

Eastern trailed the Panthers, 2-0, in the bottom of the bottom of the fourth inning when the Colonels put up five runs on five hits. Eastern Illinois' two defensive lapses accounted for two of the Colonels run in the monster inning.

Junior left-hander Paul Duncan got the win, going five innings with three runs on eight hits.

The Colonels completed the sweep on Sunday, by a score of 7-6.

The game was tied, 4-4 in the bottom of the eighth inning when the Colonels scored three runs on three hits.

Junior right-hander Ryne Purcell came on in the ninth to record the save. It wasn't an easy task. The Panthers scored two runs and had the bases loaded when Gerik Walsten grounded out to Langfels to end the game.

Eastern plays at Southeast Missouri this weekend in its first conference road matchup.

# Women's softball takes two games against SEMO

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Eastern Kentucky won their series against Southeast Missouri State with a 7-2 victory on Sunday. The Colonels split their doubleheader with SEMO on Saturday.

"We are hoping things can fall into place and win the OVC championship," senior Shyenne Hussey said.

Eastern won a thriller with a 5-4 victory over the Redhawks in the first game.

The Colonels tied the game 1-1 with a two-out single by Raquel Howes in the third.

Eastern was able to get a little luck in the fourth with some bad pitching by SEMO. The Colonels took a 2-1 lead, after two hit batters and back-to-back walks.

The Redhawks scored three runs in the fifth to regain the lead. Jennifer Vasquez singled with the bases loaded and Marisa Sanders drew a walk to give SEMO a 4-2 lead.

Eastern scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh for an

amazing comeback. Jena Handley singled with the bases loaded to tie the game. The next batter walked leaving DeAnn Horswill up to bat with the bases loaded. Horswill singled to left and drove in the game winning run.

Stacey Toups lead the Colonels on the mound. Toups started the game and allowed one run on five hits in two and a thirds innings. She then was replaced only to see her lead vanish in her absence. Toups returned to the mound in the fifth with the bases loaded. The Redhawks also had scored three times already in the inning. She then retired three straight batters to save Eastern from going down further. Toups (1-3) allowed one hit and struck out two batters once she returned for her first victory of the season.

Handley lead the Colonels with two hits and two RBIs.

"We have been practicing hard and the wins are coming around," said Diane Gallagher.

The second was not as thrilling as both teams remained scoreless going into the fifth inning.

SEMO scored six runs in the fifth that was highlighted by Vasquez's double that drove in three runs.

Stefani Barnes allowed four hits and struck out six batters in seven innings of work for the Redhawks.

Eastern started hot and would not look back during the third game. The Colonels had seven straight batter reach base after the first batter was retired in the first inning. Melissa Costa singled to score the first run. Then back-to-back walks added another two runs for Eastern. Christina Datko then singled to give the Colonels a 4-0 lead after the top of the first.

SEMO (10-16, 1-4 OVC) was able to score a run after a Nicole Tronsoso RBI.

Eastern (7-20, 2-3 OVC) added another three runs in the second after a walk, two hit batters and an error.

Toups (2-3) allowed one run on six hits and struck out three batters in six innings. Howes and Gallagher both went 2-for-4 for the Colonels. Horswill and Nikki Bruce each had two RBIs.

"We have been working hard to be successful," said Gallagher.

Eastern will continue OVC play when they go against Morehead State this week.

# ZANCAN: 'We now have the World Series of Poker and baseball'

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section on its page.

Baseball and poker now have a World Series.

So you sit here arguing poker, roulette and gambling have no legs and should not be a sport. I can see that argument and I will raise you one. Bad joke. Here is the definition of a sport.

One is an active pastime, a diversion or recreation.

Another definition involves physical exercise and has a set form and body of rules; a game.

It is a game.

Poker has become a weird game that millions of people have gotten fascinated with. The similarity between baseball and poker or football and poker is people watch it to see who wins. They want to see someone win the ultimate prize. Both feature a sole

survivor or a person that has the most skill or a team with the most skill.

My opinion is not that important. My job is to get you to start debating, and then I can walk away and watch you fight it out until there is one sole survivor.

I may even place a bet on who wins...

**Things I thought I was thinking about in the sports (and un-sports world):**

Facebook experiment number one. I decided to make up a fake story. I met a girl at an improv show, fell head over heels, got engaged and then married all in one weekend. Hey, it happens in real life. Maybe I wanted to be spontaneous. I ran with it. People told people who told other people and by the end of the day, my Facebook was on fire wondering who she was. Chinese telephone. You're it! Point: Facebook is too addictive and we all

rely on it too much.

This might be the best Final Four I have witnessed. Butler plays in its backyard and has a shot at a national title. Michigan State pulls it together and wins by a point. West Virginia knocks off the mighty Kentucky. And then there's Duke. Some people have too much time on their hands.

Two researchers have analyzed 52 of the most famous The Last Supper paintings and found that portions increases in the painting over the past millennium. I wish I could sit at home and come up with this stuff.

Ben Roethlisberger is at it again. The Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback is dealing with another sex scandal. Two in three years. I should be talking about Super Bowl titles, but instead we get to hear about passes thrown to his girls, instead of his receivers.

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- Sophomore Matt Harris is the latest to win the Player of the Week award. In four relief appearances, Harris pitched 9.1 innings giving up one hit, along with eight strikeouts. He picked up two important wins for the baseball team.
- Head Coach Chrissy Roberts added another player to the 2011-2012 women's basketball team. Jade Barber, a Louisville native, is leaving

Ball State University to come to Eastern. Barber averaged 2.3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game.

- The women's golf team finished in the middle of the pack at the Saluki Invitational this past weekend. With an eighth place finish, the Colonels placed ahead of Austin Peay and Eastern Illinois. The team finished with a final record of 652.

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# Are you ready for some football?



**By Darren Zancan**  
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It's never too early to get a jump on next season, even if it is five months away. The football team took the field on Sunday for it's first spring practice. Coming off a disappointing 5-6 season, Coach Dean Hood and the rest of his staff look to right the ship early so they can find success come September. "Guys have a sense of purpose about them after our let down from last year," Hood said. Eastern had 31 consecutive non-losing seasons before this past season, only trailing Florida State. Now the Colonels can start a new streak behind sophomore standout quarterback T. J. Pryor, who will enter the season as the starter. "Everyone was disappointed, but we have guys coming back and they have the experience," kicker Logan O'Connor said. "Everyone seems positive." The Colonels started spring practice in shorts and jerseys just to "break it in." As practice progresses, the pads go on and the hitting begins. With eight starters returning on defense and a confident quarterback in Pryor, the Colonels are on the right track. Junior defensive back Jeremy Caldwell and senior defensive lineman Andrew Soucy return to anchor a strong defense. Soucy had a hand in several blocked field goals while Caldwell started the season on an interception tear (seven) but was slowed by an injury the second half of the season. Safety Patrick McClellan steadily improved filling the gap on defense finishing with three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Offensive line coach Michael Springston may have the hardest job this spring. The offensive line lost three starters and will use the spring to find out who will get the starting spots. Four transfers, including Derek Moore and Kevin Brown, of Hofstra, will compete for positions on the offensive side of the ball.

On special teams, O'Connor looks to improve after taking the helm as full-time kicker and punter. O'Connor finished 8-for-15 in field goals and averaged 37.6 yards per punt. "I had a disappointing season, so I have to get back to the basics," he said. "I realized my technique strayed." Hood told O'Connor to focus on kicking this spring with the addition of Jordan Berry, punter, one of several transfers. Most of the roster is set barring any significant injury. Wide receiver Cody Watts will sit out the spring while he recovers from injury. Hood will have some decisions to make on red-shirt players and what kind of contributions they will make. Currently there are nine players redshirting, including Berry. "We're very talented in our redshirt class," Hood said. "There are 90 players in camp and they all have the ability. They are here for specifics reasons." Within NCAA rules, the team will practice 15 times, hoping to knock off some rust. It gives each coach a chance to look at the holes in his unit and who will fill them. One goal is simple for the Colonels: an OVC title. "Are you willing to do what it takes to win a championship?" Hood said. "We have to work to be exceptional and have the will to prepare to win." The Colonels play its annual spring game Sunday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at Roy Kidd Stadium.



**Eastern's defense listens to defensive backs coach Tony Hatmaker as he explains a drill during spring practice.**

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## Women's tennis gains confidence after weekend sweep



Junior Anouk Faure returns a volley during her 6-0, 6-0 win over Frederike Kahl of Tennessee Tech University.

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Eastern kicked off a challenging portion of their schedule, with two dominating victories over OVC opponents. The Colonels, the defending OVC champions, beat Murray 5-2 and Tennessee State 7-0 on Saturday. Eastern (7-10, 2-0 OVC) was picked by conference coaches as the favorite to win this years title. Murray was picked to finish third and was one of four teams other than the Colonels to receive first place votes. "I am not surprised we won, I am surprised by how we were able to win," Oertel said. "How convincingly we were able to win was a surprise." Getting the win over Murray (3-5, 1-1 OVC) was made difficult when the Colonels lost the doubles point. However, being down didn't deter the Colonels. Eastern battled back against the Racers winning the top three singles matches in straight sets. Anaïs Hamel won the match clincher in straight sets also. Alyze Pagal picked up the other point for the Colonels. "Knowing what kind of player you are, keeping that in perspective, goes directly to how good your can be," Oertel said. "Losing the doubles point can carry over mentally to singles. We can't let losing that point impact our overall match.

Our girls are great about keeping it all in perspective and focusing on what's in front of them." "I am really proud of how the top three matches went," Oertel said. "Dominant scores. I was impressed with how determined our girls where, especially after losing the doubles point." Eastern continued the dominant performance later in the afternoon by beating Tennessee State 7-0. The Colonels shut Tennessee State (0-4, 0-4 OVC) out, only allowing them to pick up a handful of games during the match. Colonel freshmen Catarina Branco and Esмира Gheisary each won their match without dropping a game, winning 6-0, 6-0. Eastern won every singles match in straight sets. When Eastern stepped out of conference on Tuesday they lost to the University of Kentucky. The Colonels will now focus on a hectic portion of their schedule were they will play four matches in five days. Eastern host Southeast Missouri State (2-8, 1-1 OVC) on Friday at 1p.m. Eastern Illinois (4-6, 1-0 OVC) will visit the Colonels on Saturday at 10 a.m. Eastern will take on Tennessee Tech (0-7, 0-2 OVC) on Sunday. Finally the Colonels will play rival Morehead State (5-10, 2-0 OVC) on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Eastern's outdoor tennis matches are played on the Higgins Tennis Courts located by Martin Hall.

## Poker: a real sport or just another chess match?



The adrenaline was pumping. The sweat was pouring down my face, each particle racing the other until one beat the other to the floor. My palms began to sweat, as I shifted the weight from one foot to the other. Competition continued to get fierce. No one could ignore the stakes. Who would win? Who would lose? Who would win and then hope for

more? I could feel the intensity build with each second. Yet each second felt like a minute. Each minute became an hour. It was a game that dragged me in and never let me go. The crowd would come and go. But I would stay. At times it was so intense, I had to look away, only looking over my shoulder slightly to see the reaction of others. Double zero. Then another double zero. Two losses in a row. What should I do, walk away or face the challenge one more time? I took on the challenge and won, four times. I checked my watch to find five hours has gone by without an intermission, no time-outs taken and no technical issued. Welcome to the world of poker, roulette and some card game I never learned the name of.

Why write about it in the sports section? Ask ESPN. They carry more poker than soccer, ping pong and water polo. But seriously, I turn on the television everyday to see the "game of poker" on several stations. Reality has set in and apparently gambling is the new sport. Millions of dollars are at stake. People wrap themselves in the game, learning every move, how to outsmart their opponent and how to win. It's addictive. It becomes some people's obsession. Even Lexington was in deep talks of putting a casino in. But is it a sport or just another chess match? Some argue yes. Others say blank blank blank no. I experienced just a small amount of what "professional gamblers" experience this past Thursday night. I sat at the roulette table and

placed some high bets. I won big. I lost big. I figured out a few strategies that went my way, only to be fooled later. If you do not know what Roulette is let me explain. The game is stands for "little wheel." Players choose an assortment of bets. You can bet on the color red and if it lands on red you double your money. You can bet on a number. The dealer spins a wheel in one direction and the ball in the opposite direction around a tilted circular track running around the circumference of the wheel. The ball will stop and land on a number. You win or lose. Roulette is just one of the many games you can play at the casino. ESPN has a poker club. ESPN has a poker